

Lindenwood Board Meeting Minutes

April Meeting Minutes, 4/19/2015

Minutes by Emily Duke

Attending: Chris Luhrs, Anna Hough, Dallas Minner, Gary Alfinger, Richard Fisher, Linda Craig, Robin Callaway, Bill McConnell, Jerry Ann Cox, Jared Haney, Emily Duke, Adrian Sloan

Anna Hough brought a potential board treasurer, Jared Haney. We talked with him and he is going to think about it and return to us next week. We all agreed he would be a wonderful candidate for this role.

Senior Minister Report: Bill McConnell has been working on small groups. Wilson Clark resigned and is moving back to Florida. Bill is working to replace him.

Search committee: Adrian Sloan update. Things are going very well with the minister search. They are very encouraged by some of the candidates they have met.

Financial Review: We are in much better shape than we were last year. We still need more giving to expand the ministries we have.

Property Repairs: Alan Wells is working on the pot holes on the East side of the building. It is a deep hole and he is getting it filled in properly.

Elder Report: Anna Hough reported. April 4th meeting was a joint meeting with Deacons. There were about 35 present. We will continue to meet monthly with the Deacons. The next meeting is set for April 25th. The Elder's retreat that was to be held on Feb 28, 15 has been postponed to April 25th due to the passing of Judy Turner's mother. We held a reception for Dot Williams Family and a lunch for Nina Ross's family, did memorials in memory of Russell Weiner, Mac Hury and Jess Ross. Birthday cards were sent from Elders for Virginia Ransom who will turn 100 on May 19th and Dorothy Thomas who will turn 99 on May 3rd. We also sent cards to Bill McConnell's sister who lost her husband this past week. Easter Cards were mailed to a few homebound members. Their prayer list continues to grow, praying for all on the church's weekly prayer list and adding prayers for Maxine McCoy, Mary Pleasants, Harold Goodwin, Judith Harris, David Johnson, Harold cloud, Helen ross, Rob Mitchell, Julie Woodard, Joe Bryan, Fred Boone, Jack and Dottie Blake, Kyle Creson, Joy Weiner, Mary Pleasants, Bill Eddings, Kirk McDonald, Janice Joyce, Sharon and ray Hodge, Ann Wade, and John Hornyak.

Personnel Committee report: Robin Callaway reports. Kristian Davis, Financial helper working remotely, 4-6 hours a week for summer. They feel she is doing a fantastic job.

Foundation Report: Richard Fischer reports. Urgent Needs of \$480,423.00 on church repairs. They recommend giving all the foundation money towards this and then have a capital campaign to put the funds back in. They plan to ask for the money from churches biggest givers, then get grants possibly and then get the congregation to give the rest. There will be three phases of repairs. They plan to ask congregation to make donations on automatic draft to foundation account and will only go to maintenance and repair of the church. Richard makes a motion that the board approve the necessary maintenance items in this report and the capital campaign to reimburse the foundation to follow. Seconded by Chris Luhrs. Next steps are to ask people for upfront gifts before releasing to congregation.

Congregational Meeting is set for Wednesday, June 3rd. 6:00-6:30pm. The Foundation will present their plan and go over financials.

Idea of "Letter to Congregation" was brainstormed: this could possibly be a list of open positions, Sharon Hodge list of committees and openings, Ministries of Lindenwood openings- saying "Heaven's reward", "great benefits". Turn cards in or mail in or call to let us know what positons you may be interested in.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session Richard Fisher makes a motion for us to adjourn. 2nd by Gary Aulfinger.